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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 17th Dec. 2002 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

Claim 27, the thickness of the first insulating layer is unclear. Furthermore, in the 3^d working step "activating a layer selected from the group consisting of the first insulating layer and the second insulating layer" is vague and indefinite, it is unclear how the activation would be carried out to the first insulating layer (if 1st insulating layer was chosen) after having a second insulating layer has been applied thereover. Due to these reasons, the process claims can not be rejoined.

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